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Dr. JULIUS SCHREIBER, M. D., 4418 Ellicott Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., testified on 5-13-58, before HCUA in Executive Session at Washington, D. C. Dr. SCHREIBER stated he was born in ~~Gorelok~~, Russia, and came to the U. S. on 6-19-13. GORDOK

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TUESDAY, MAY 13, 1958

United States House of Representatives

Subcommittee of the Committee on
Un-American Activities,

Washington, D. C.

A subcommittee of the Committee on Un-American Activities met, pursuant to call, at 10:20 a.m., in Room 226, Old House Office Building, Washington, D. C., Hon. Francis E. Walter (Chairman) presiding.

Committee members present: Francis E. Walter, of Pennsylvania (presiding), and Gordon H. Scherer, of Ohio.

Staff Members present: Richard Arens, director, and William F. Heimlich, investigator.

The Chairman. The subcommittee will come to order.

Call the witness.

Mr. Arens. Doctor Schreiber.

The Chairman. Do you swear that the testimony you are about to give will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Dr. Schreiber. I do. H. 0.0.1. 5-13-58

TESTIMONY OF DR. JULIUS SCHREIBER, 4418 ELLICOTT STREET, NORTHWEST, WASHINGTON, D. C., ACCOMPANIED BY HIS COUNSEL, JOSEPH A. FANELLI, 1701 K STREET, NORTHWEST, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Mr. Arens. Please identify yourself by name, residence, and

occupation.

Dr. Schreiber. My name is Doctor Julius Schreiber. I live at 4418, Ellicott Street, Northwest, in Washington. I am a psychiatrist.

Mr. Arens. You are appearing today in response to a subpoena which was served upon you by the House Committee on Un-American Activities?

Dr. Schreiber. Yes.

Mr. Arens. And you are represented by counsel?

Dr. Schreiber. Yes, sir.

Mr. Arens. Counsel, kindly identify yourself.

Mr. Fanelli. My name is Joseph A. Fanelli. I am a member of the Bar of the District of Columbia. My offices are at 1701 K Street, Northwest in Washington.

Mr. Arens. Doctor Schreiber, where were you born?

Dr. Schreiber. I was born in the Ukraine in Gordok, Russia.

Mr. Arens. And when did you come to the United States for permanent residence?

Dr. Schreiber. In 1913 on June 19.

Mr. Arens. Are you a citizen of the United States?

Dr. Schreiber. Yes, sir, I am.

Mr. Arens. Are you a citizen by naturalization or derivation?

Dr. Schreiber. If derivation means my father ---

Mr. Arens. Yes.

Dr. Schreiber. Yes. I am a citizen by derivation from my

father.

Mr. Arens. Just give us a word on the educational background which you have, please, sir.

Dr. Schreiber. I am a doctor of medicine. I am a specialist.

Mr. Arens. Where were you educated?

Dr. Schreiber. At the University of Cincinnati. I was a graduate of medical school training at Cincinnati. Since then I have specialized in psychiatry.

Mr. Arens. Where have you practiced psychiatry?

Dr. Schreiber. In California, for a period of time, at the Stockton State Hospital from 1936 to '41. I graduated from medical school in 1932. The internship I finished in '33. From '42 until '45 I was in the Army. Since then I have been here in Washington.

Mr. Arens. You appeared back in July of 1954 before a subcommittee of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, did you not?

Dr. Schreiber. Yes, sir, I did.

Mr. Arens. I do not propose to go into items that have already been pursued there, Doctor. I would like to ask you now if you have been a member of the Communist Party?

Dr. Schreiber. Sir, I am not a member of the Communist Party now and I have not been a member of the Communist Party since January 1, 1941. However, for the period prior to that date I must respectfully decline, on the advice of counsel, to

answer that question on the basis of the First and Fifth Amendments and all of the Constitutional rights available to me.

Mr. Arens. Did you ever resign from the Communist Party?

Dr. Schreiber. I must decline under the same privilege.

Mr. Arens. Have you, since 1941, been an active participant in any of the front groups of the Communist Party?

Dr. Schreiber. No, sir; not according to my knowledge.

Mr. Arens. Have you been active since 1941 in the Cultural and Scientific Conference for world peace?

Dr. Schreiber. As I testified in 1954, sir, I spoke at that meeting on a Sunday -- it was late in March -- on mental health in the social environment. I was invited to make a talk there. That was the only contact I ever had with those people and the only talk I made.

Mr. Arens. Have you, since 1941, been active in an organization known as the National Institute of Social Relations?

Dr. Schreiber. Yes, sir; I was the director of it. We founded it. It is certainly not on anybody's list, I hope.

Mr. Arens. I wanted to have this record reflect your identification with this organization.

Dr. Schreiber. Yes, sir.

Mr. Arens. Is the organization still operating?

Dr. Schreiber. No, sir. We had a grant from the American Jewish Committee to do a three-year study to combat anti-semitism by education. It expired in three years.

rf5 Mr. Arens. Have you since 1941 been active in any of the procedings of the Washington Committee of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, which has been cited as a Communist front?

Dr. Schreiber. No, sir. I went to one dinner one time when Mrs. Roosevelt was given some kind of citation. That was the only contact.

Mr. Arens. Have you ever been a sponsor of any of their functions?

Dr. Schreiber. I don't recall.

Mr. Arens. I should like to see if I can refresh your recollection by laying before you a thermo-fax reproduction of an announcement of a session of the Washington Committee of the Southern Council on Human Welfare which was to be held on Wednesday, May 22, 1946, at the Hotal Statler, on which announcement, among the sponsors, appear the names of Doctor and Mrs. Julius Schreiber. DC

Kindly look at that and see if that refreshes your recollection.

Dr. Schreiber. Is this the one where Mrs. Roosevelt was honored?

Mr. Arens. Apparently not. Does that refresh your recollection?

Dr. Schreiber. It doesn't, but I recall that it was something at the Statler. I don't recall the particular one unless this was the same one. I went to one thing at the Statler Hotel

rf7 Dr. Schreiber. No, sir. I don't remember anything about that.

Mr. Arens. In the course of the last few years have you had occasion to make speeches?

Dr. Schreiber. Yes, sir, a great number of speeches.

Mr. Arens. Under the auspices of the League of Women Voters?

Dr. Schreiber. Sir, I spoke to the League of Women Voters last fall. I speak on mental health or any aspects of that on which I am invited to talk. I think I spoke once in the entire five years to the League of Women Voters and that was in Annondale.

Mr. Arens. Who invited you to speak there, please, Doctor?

Dr. Schreiber. I had a call from a Mrs. Ruth Sorkin who asked if I would speak at their annual meeting, to go demonstrate the use of group execution techniques. I suggested that to talk simply on group execution techniques was a rather dry thing, but if they wanted to take a theme that I personally would be competent to talk about, any aspect of mental health, family life and so on, that I would do that.

Then she and two other persons, I think, came to the office to discuss this with me.

Mr. Arens. Who is that lady who invited you to speak there?

Dr. Schreiber. A woman who worked with us at the National Institute of Social Relations at one time.

Mr. Arens. What is her connection with the League of

rf8 Mr. Arens. What is her connection with the League of Women Voters?

Dr. Schreiber. I haven't the vagues idea. She may have been on the program committee.

Mr. Arens. Did she preside at the meeting?

Dr. Schreiber. No, sir. There wasanother lady. I don't remember the name. Mrs. Sorkin was not the chairman. Someone else was the chairman.

Mr. Arens. Have you spoken before any other group of the League of Women Voters other than this group last fall in Fairfax County?

Dr. Schreiber. Did I speak to any other league of women voters in Fairfax County or anywhere?

Mr. Arens. Any place.

Dr. Schreiber. I don't recall that I have, sir.

Mr. Arens. Have you had any contact with the national officer, the national officers of the League of Women Voters?

Dr. Schreiber. When we had the National Institute of Social Relations, which was almost ten years ago or more, I think we may have had some contact with a Mrs. Straus or something. Was she the president then? I have forgotten. It was to ask her some materials about group execution techniques or something. I don't recall.

Mr. Arens. Do you recall specifically whether or not you did have contact with the national officers or with the national

rf9 officer of the League of Women Voters?

Dr. Schreiber. Other than the recollection I just talked about, sir, I don't recall.

Mr. Arens. Did this Institute of Social Relations develop information which was transmitted to the national office of the League of Women Voters on various issues?

Dr. Schreiber. You mean we prepared material directly for them?

Mr. Arens. Yes, sir.

Dr. Schreiber. Not to my knowledge. We prepared execution guides and techniques and manuals, but I don't recall that we did anything specially for them. We may have, but I don't recall.

Mr. Arens. When did the National Institute of Social Relations suspend or go out of business?

Dr. Schreiber. In December of '48 or thereabouts.

Mr. Arens. Have you ever been to the national headquarters here in Washington of the League of Women Voters?

Dr. Schreiber. That is the time I said back in whatever it was, '46, '47 or '48 when I met Mrs Straus.

Mr. Arens. Straus?

Dr. Schreiber. Yes, sir.

Mr. Arens. Have any of the national officers procured from you or have you given to them any information in the course of the last four or five years?

Dr. Schreiber. To my knowledge, I haven't seen any of these

rf10 people in the last four or five years or even longer. I will say ten. I can't remember anything.

Mr. Arens. Is there any other group, entity or subdivision of the League of Women Voters before which you have appeared other than the group out here in Arlington?

Dr. Schreiber. Again I don't recall any one since then. I don't remember any League of Women Voters group as such that I appeared before except the one in November of last year.

Mr. Arens. Are there presently active in the field of social relations in which you have been active persons who, to your certain knowledge, were at any time themselves members of the communist party?

Dr. Schreiber. Not to my knowledge.

Mr. Arens. For the record, Mr. Chairman, I would suggest that for the purpose of the inquiry we had in mind here that we have nothing further to ask this man about.

Are there any questions, Mr. Scherer?

Mr. Scherer. I have no questions.

The Chairman. I have no questions. Thank you very much, Doctor.

Mr. Fanelli. Mr. Chairman, I have forgotten rules of the committee. Can we order a copy of this from the stenographer?

The Chairman. Yes.

Mr. Fanelli. Can the stenographer send me a copy with the bill?

rf11 The Chairman. That is entirely all right, counsel.

Mr. Fanelli. Thank you very much.

(Whereupon, at 10:30 a.m., the committee adjourned.)